

London University College Hospital July 4. 1860

Mr Garrison - Dear Sir I avail myself of your kind permission to write to you, though I can scarcely yet bring myself to believe that I am near enough to this place to call instead. I trust this will find you and Mrs Garrison and your family well, and, - permit me to say happy, for you have made me so, or at least warded off from me much suffering. I left NY on the 6th May and arrived in London on the 8th June, after a favorable and pleasant passage. The passengers were very kind and gave me every assistance in my culinary operations, and in getting about on the deck. I found my friend well though not as prosperous as I expected. He is laboring to give his children a liberal education, and education here is costly. His eldest daughter - now 18 years of age - is an invalid and has been delicate from infancy. When I had been here some two weeks I wrote to Mr Thompson enquiring if you had come on when you might be expected telling him that I had seen you in Boston, and that you had acquainted me with your intention to leave early in June, and that you might be heard of at his address. I transcribe Mr Thompson's reply.

8 Clayton Place Kensington Road 5 June 1860  
Sir - I am in receipt of yours of the 18th and in reply regret to say that I have been recently informed by a friend who has lately received a letter from the Rev S Lamb May Junr that Mr Garrison has abandoned his intention of coming to this country during the present year, as also has Mr May whose father at the time of his writing, was in a precarious state of health. As you have so recently been in the United States and seen my lady



Christianized friend Mr Garrison, it would give me pleasure to see you at this address, which is my present residence, for a chat & I hope it will even be in your power to pay me a visit. I am respectfully & truly yours

John C. Buckley Esq. George Thompson  
I felt satisfied from this letter that Mr Thompson mistook my position in society, and my claim upon your regard. I then wrote the following "I am concerned to hear that Mr Garrison has abandoned his intention of coming to this country for another year. My interest and my gratitude make my concern deep. When I was last at Six Place Mr Garrison said to me you may call upon my friend Mr Thompson, and if my letters can be of any service to you, you can show them. I then enclose one (the one you wrote to Sir Isaac) which will explain the nature of his kindness towards me, and will account for some reticence which I feel in availing myself of your invitation to call upon you, without having made this explanation, though to speak with any one of Mr Garrison - whose genial and generous nature I am the better and the happier for knowing - would be a pleasure, but to speak of him with his friend Mr Thompson, would be an enhanced such pleasure, that to decline <sup>doing so</sup> is to do a violence to my own feelings."

After I had dispatched this note I received one from Sir Roberts of Manchester, to whom I had written enclosing another for a Sir Harrod of this Hospital who cohaersted to receive me as a patient, I have now been an inmate two weeks, and am very much improved.

I received a few days ago the following note from Mrs Thompson. Dear Sir Thanks for yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> the contents of which have excited my liveliest sympathies in your



believe, and most earnest wishes for your  
restoration to health. I restore you the  
letter of Mr Garrison and shall hope to see  
you under some circumstance - those  
most favorable to your own convenience.  
I am well acquainted with an eminent  
physician - one of the Senate of the London  
University and a member of the medical  
council and should you require anything  
he might be able to do for you. I have  
no doubt he would be happy at my  
request to serve you. I shall hope to  
hear from you soon. I returned my sin-  
cere acknowledgments to Mr Thompson  
at the same time acquainting him  
with the fact that I was already receiving  
treatment through the kindness of Dr  
Roberts. I have not yet called upon Mr  
Thompson. If you will be so good  
as to reply to this and add to your many  
other kindnesses by giving me a letter  
to Mr Thompson it may be of service  
in getting me into some kind of emp-  
loyment when I am able to do it.  
I hope Frank will not forget his prom-  
ise to send me a copy of the Liberator  
with the little sketch I wrote. The hos-  
pitals here are not so well appoin-  
ted as with you, besides a more me-  
agre accommodation each patient  
is obliged to furnish the greater part  
of his own living. I am studying  
French and otherwise trying to  
make myself more efficient.



as a Teacher in the event of  
my recovery.

They are treating me with  
strichnine, quinine, sulphur  
cod-liver-oil, some a little pre-  
paration and galvanism.

My pulse has gone down from  
120 to 78. Please to give my regards  
to Fanny and tell her the teachers  
ply the pupils as hard with lessons  
here as they do in Boston.

I beg to be kindly remembered to  
Mrs Garrison.

My letter addressed from me 9  
St Davids Terrace Brockley  
Lane Deptford London, will  
find me.

I remain very respectfully  
yours  
John C Buckley